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Hurricane Shelter Information 2018

Staples High School, 70 North Ave, serves as Westport's Hurricane/Storm Shelter.

Listen to the Radio : Tune in to WWPT-FM at 90.3 or check the department's Facebook ([Town of Westport Fire Department](#)) page to learn when the shelter will be open.

Prepare your Shelter Kit: The shelter has a limited number of cots available. Plan on bringing with you: bedding and pillows, a change of clothing, a towel & toiletries, a flashlight, any medications you may need, your cell phone and charger (the shelter does have generator power), and items to pass the time (cards, books, games, etc.), and snacks or any special dietary food items you need.

Food & Beverage: The shelter will provide minimal food and beverage services such as a pasta dinner, sandwiches, coffee and water. If you have special dietary requirements you must be prepared to bring your own food. If you have nut allergies, every effort will be made to accommodate that. However, please understand that it may not always be possible during an emergency situation.

Evacuate When Instructed: Proceed to the shelter when advised to by Town authorities. Please **do not attempt an early arrival** as shelter staff will be busy preparing to open and will not have time to assist you.

Call if you Need Help: If you cannot drive or need special assistance to get to the shelter, please **contact the Town 24 hours before the storm hits** so arrangements can be made. If we pick you up, we will also take you home *as our resources permit*.

Pets are Welcome: Westport's shelter accepts pets. You must bring your own pet food, leash, cat box & litter, and a pet carrier. A favorite pet toy or blanket is a good idea also. Pets will be housed in an area separate from human habitation to protect those with allergies. You will be able to freely visit your pet in that area. Pets will not be permitted in the general shelter.

Remember that the shelter is a bare-bones place to get you through the storm. You may find staying at an inland hotel or with friends/family more comfortable. Storm Shelters are not substitute housing, and typically close 24 to 48 hours after the storm has passed.

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